



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM JOE BROTHERS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



At the October meeting of the state board, improving the performance of students in low-performing schools was a major topic of discussion. Kentucky is at a crossroads; we must make sure that significant changes occur in the culture and practices of these schools to ensure that all of our children achieve at high levels or we potentially put a generation at risk in the world job market. We must eliminate all barriers to make a giant leap forward in the educational progress of students across our state.

Approval of SB1 by the General Assembly and the Governor, the education advocacy and associated dollars surfacing at the federal level, and the base of knowledge gained over the past two decades in Kentucky through implementation and refinement of KERA positions our Pre-K through college education system to prepare students for unprecedented success in the work place.

I look forward to working with our new commissioner, Dr. Terry Holliday, the education community as a whole and the General Assembly to eliminate barriers to educational progress and ensure that all of Kentucky's children are prepared for success.



BOARD PRESENTS AWARDS

At its October 7-8 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education presented the Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award and the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award. The first annual Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award – Striving for Achievement through Instructional Equity, was created and presented to honor Dr. Grissom for her lifelong work to help all students strive to achieve at high levels and thus close achievement gaps. She was present to receive the award and the board saluted her for her tremendous courage to overcome obstacles in both her professional and personal lives and for her dedication to improving the lives of Kentucky's students.

The Dr. Samuel Robinson Award was presented to two organizations that were found to exhibit outstanding leadership, commitment and service in promoting equity and opportunity to learn at high levels for all Kentucky students. Arriba Niños, a program for Hispanic students from Shelbyville, was one of the winners. This program provides homework/tutoring assistance to the Hispanic students in the Shelby County Public Schools. It is supported by the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, First Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Centenary United Methodist Church, all of Shelbyville. The enrollment numbers at Arriba Niños have increased from 15 student and 16 tutors in the spring of 2003 to an average of 58 students and 60 tutors each week in the spring of 2009.

The other recipient of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award was First Baptist Church Bracktown. Multiple programs exist that are focused on education as part of the church's initiatives. This includes: the Future Black Males Working program, a mentoring academy for African American males that now includes students from high schools and middle schools across Fayette County; a similar program, GEMS (Growth Education Motivation Success), launched to mentor African American females and their families; Academic Spot Night; tutoring and Scholarship Sunday.

For more information on these outstanding programs, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

BOARD AUTHORIZES KDE TO SUBMIT BUDGET

As part of the October meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education reviewed the department's proposal for configuring the 2010-2012 budget proposal that must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Policy and Management in November. The board was provided with descriptions of all line item programs. Due to tight economic times, Commissioner Holliday suggested that board members consider looking at programs according to three categories: programs recommended for discussion/possible redirection, programs recommended for continuation and programs recommended for expansion.

The commissioner emphasized that the department needs the authority to discuss with the General Assembly the possibility of redirecting dollars from some programs to address the expansion needs necessary to implement the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (testing, program reviews, standards and the associated professional development), expand preschool to students at the 200% of poverty level, fund the Individual Learning Plan,

cover the costs of Infinite Campus and the Kentucky Education Network, complete the statewide longitudinal data system required by Race to the Top, provide the required additional SEEK funding and support the virtual high school operational system. He also explained that many programs will be requested to continue at enacted FY10 funding levels.

The board agreed to approve the budget priorities as submitted by the department and authorize staff to submit the 2010-2012 budget proposal to GOPM by the deadline and continue discussions on budget priorities with the General Assembly during the upcoming session, in accordance with the points identified above.

For more information on the department's budget proposal, contact Hiren Desai at (502) 564-1976 or via e-mail at Hiren.Desai@education.ky.gov.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA REVIEWED

Items for possible inclusion in the state board's legislative agenda were reviewed at the October meeting with final approval not occurring until the December meeting. The following were discussed:

- Expand pre-K learning opportunities to 200% of poverty level for four-year-olds
- Modify pre-K fund distribution to base it on the average number of pre-K children served on December 1 and March 1 of the prior year without further adjustments
- Amend KRS 157.440 (Facilities Support Program of Kentucky) to increase the five-cent equivalent tax rate for facilities to ten cents. All districts should be required to levy ten cents. Those districts already levying ten cents or more are authorized to levy an additional five cents, but are not required to do so. All facility funding (except the growth levy) should become part of the FSPK program.
- Amend KRS 160.470 to permit a local board of education to levy a tax rate no lower than the rate set by the board in the previous year.
- Amend KRS 158.146(4) to remove priority in the awarding of dropout prevention grants to districts with chronically high dropout rates, remove the requirement to direct 75% of available funds to elementary and middle school students and 25% to high school students, and focus the grant program on supporting promising and proven practices that are systemic, scalable, and replicable, and aligned with the principles of secondary reform.
- Add chronic low student academic performance as a cause for removal of a superintendent or school board member (KRS 156.132).
- Raise the compulsory school age to 17 in 2010-2011 and 18 in 2011-2012.
- Address possible statutory changes to achieve improvement in student learning through classroom teaching, fairly and robustly assess teacher strengths and needs with multiple measures and provide the teacher, school and district with the resources for improvement.

For more information on the legislative agenda, contact Frank Rasche at (502) 564-4474 or via e-mail at Frank.Rasche@education.ky.gov.

703 KAR 5:060, INTERIM ASSESSMENT PROCESS REVIEWED

The first review of 703 KAR 5:060, Interim Assessment Process, occurred at the October board meeting. The revision of this regulation is necessary due to Senate Bill 1's creation of a three-year interim assessment period (2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11), with a new assessment system scheduled to begin in 2011-12. Key provisions of the regulation include:

- KRS 158.6455 requires the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate an administrative regulation to provide for an interim assessment process that ensures all student assessments, data collection and reporting necessary for compliance with the federal accountability and proficiency requirements under No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
- Required assessments during the interim period are criterion referenced tests administered in reading (3-8 and 10), mathematics (3-8 and 11), science (4, 7 and 11), social studies (3, 8 and 11) and writing on-demand (5, 8 and 12); norm referenced test (3-7); readiness examinations (EXPLORE, PLAN and the ACT) and alternate assessments for the 1% of Kentucky's students with the most severe disabilities.
- Test windows during the interim period for the criterion and norm referenced tests will be established by the Kentucky Department of Education. Schools will develop a test schedule within the state-established window for a six-day administration of the criterion referenced test with four additional days allowed for make-up testing. Districts will choose one week before or after the criterion referenced test to administer the norm referenced test.
- The three steps of the transition plan for moving to the federally required cohort graduation model is detailed in Section 2.
- Section 3 emphasizes the public reporting of all state-required assessments and the inclusion of alternate assessment students in that reporting. Additionally, federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) shall identify Title I schools for federal assistance and non-Title I schools eligible for state assistance.
- Section 3 denotes the revised calculations for the other academic indicator at elementary and middle school and safe harbor.
- Assistance to be provided to schools that do not meet AYP is described in Section 6.

To view the actual draft regulation language, go to:

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Kentucky+Board+of+Education/October+7+8+2009+Kentucky+Board+of+Education+Meeting+Agenda+and+Agenda+Book+Documents.htm> and scroll down to Item XII.C.

The regulation will come back to the board's December meeting to consider final approval of the proposed language.

For more information on 703 KAR 5:060, contact Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via e-mail at Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE OCTOBER 7-8 MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the August 5-6, 2009, meeting
- Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services
- Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Appointments and Acceptance of Guidelines for Operations of Advisory Boards at KSD and KSB
- Denial of alternative model of school-based decision making from Stamping Ground Elementary, Scott County
- District facility plan amendments for Madison County
- All submitted local district tax rates levied
- Amendment to commissioner of education's contract
- Ballot for NASBE officers
- Kaye Baird as the NASBE voting delegate and Judy Gibbons as alternate
- Response to LRC on study of school care for students with certain medical conditions
- Appointment of Joe Kelly Award Selection Committee with Jeanne Ferguson, chair, Billy Harper, Doug Hubbard and David Karem

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AT THE OCTOBER 7-8 MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Reports from Christian County, Covington Independent, Jefferson County and Union County on progress toward achievement in low-performing schools
- KSB and KSD Update on Governance
- Kentucky Career and Technical Education
- Principal Redesign Project
- End-of-Course Assessment Pilot
- Update on Implementation of the Individual Learning Plan
- School District Watch List
- 702 KAR 6:100, Nutrition and Health Services Appeal Procedures
- Update from the Center for School Safety
- Kentucky Interim Assessment Period Data Release
- KDE Employment Report

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2010

<u>2010</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 10-11, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 3, 2010	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
April 13-14, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 18-19, 2010	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 9-10, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 4-5, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 15, 2010	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Ashland
October 6-7, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 8-9, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2011

<u>2011</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 2-3, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 2, 2011	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Owensboro
April 13-14, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 11-12, 2011	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 8-9, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 3-4, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, KY
October 5-6, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7-8, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the October 7-8, 2009, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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